CBSA Enforcement Options

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Trusted Trader Programs – the CBSA could offer to explore the status of anyone commercial operator involved in protest for current and future trusted trucking programs. Stripping people of access to the program could have a material impact. CBSA is assessing implications for membership. The good character clause still applies, and the ability to leverage this requirement may present consequences for drivers, carriers or other entities. The border protests in Southern Ontario and Southern Alberta has involved mostly individuals with very few commercial operators engaged in the activity.

Trusted Traveller Program – similarly, the CBSA will explore the good character clause for travellers enrolled or applying for membership in the NEXUS program. This tool may be leveraged against members who are identified in committing offences related to impeding international border crossings.

Designated International Trade Corridor – consider expanding the 'customs controlled area' concept to designate a highway or other area as a designated international trade corridor that would provide law enforcement with specific authorities to ensure the safe and unrestricted flow of international goods and conveyances. Consquences for impeding flow could involve application of AMPS, removal of Customs Bond for carriers, or other sanctions as appropriate.

Revocation of Support Benefits – examine the authorities to revoke and recover COVID support payments to persons, business and other entities involved in disrupting border trade.

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